

Re: ME

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Thank you.

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On May 23, 2018, at 7:49 AM, Ben Di Benedetto <ben@homesinla.com> wrote:

Hey John,

Thanks for your candid email. I appreciate your thoughts of the BID and the process we are involved in, however, I feel that your health and life are the paramount issue here. As such, I am in support of what ever you feel is right for you. The BID will survive, and if by some small chance it would not, it would be because the property owners did not see the value in the BID - which would be our problem, not your health. It's on us and the value we have delivered, ultimately.

Ben

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From: John Walker <john@thescbd.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 11:04 AM
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Gentlemen:

This is a very difficult email for me to write. First, let me start off by saying I am not walking away. I am however (and have) given work more thought. Being diagnosed with Cancer two times and having two different surgeries within a 6 month period has been hard!! I am blessed to have always been in good shape/health so that has helped my recovery.

Fortunately, in both cases we have been told "I am Cancer free". The recovery from the second surgery, and having 1/3 of my Lung removed has been more difficult. I often find myself very tired. Catching my breath is hard and I simply do not have the strength I once had. I am told "you should be back to normal in about one year", but getting to that place has been harder than I imagined.

I have already had to pass on doing the Street Festival this year because honestly, I was not sure I could have? And I do not want to start something/anything I cannot complete and I gave thought to delegating this (our Street Festival), but in truth, these are my connections and my taking the meetings and my processing our applications. The same is shaping up for our Renewal... right now, there is no need to worry and we are moving along on that right now. All of our deadlines are on schedule but it's the Petition drive that concerns me and my possible inability to see this through to completion. I have already written our Draft MDP and the ER report will be here in June, both will be submitted to the City for review and approval.

My real concern is conducting the personal Outreach and education required in order to get the majority support and lead the Petition drive. I am not sure I have or will have that energy. That starts in September of this year. I am bringing all of this to your attention now because if by/before then, I do not feel capable of carrying this out, I will need to step down.....This is not something I want to do and I cannot tell you how much I dislike having to write this email.

If you had other candidates before offering me this position, perhaps you could share contact information with me and again, if I find I just can't follow-through to my satisfaction, I will post this position on the City Wide BID website.

Nothing yet to worry about, but I believe it is important that you know where things are for me. It is of course my hope that all of this will return to normal but I will not jeopardize this organization.

Happy to answer any questions if you have them, otherwise you can presume we are rolling along.

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